MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (*a*) 337.

(*b*) A *statement showing the names of the firms is placed on the table.

(*c*) No new firm has been given any order.

*Mavelikara Telephone office.*

499. *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that due to the negligence or indifference of the employees attached to the Mavelikara telephone office (public calls) messages from Chengannur had to be cancelled long after they had been booked; and

(*b*) whether they are aware of a motion which was discussed on the floor of the Sri Mulam Assembly regarding the usual inordinate delay caused by the Mavelikara office in the transmission of phone messages?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes.

*Puncha fields at Kumarakom and Vechoor.*

500. *MR. K. R NARAYANAN (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state at what stage the scheme to take power to the puncha fields at Kumarakom and Vechoor for cultivation purposes is at present?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: The estimates have been prepared. The extensions will be taken up for execution when the position as to materials improves.

*Green manure from Mookunnimalai Reserve.*

501. *MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state whether representations have not been made to permit the ryots to take green manure from Mookunnimalai reserve and if so, whether any such permission has been given?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: According to the existing orders, seigniorage passes are issued for the collection and removal of green manure from all reserves in the State, including Mookunni.

*Wild elephants.*

502. *MR. P. M. VARGHESE: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) if it is or it is not a fact that depredation by wild elephants of human life and property in the forest regions of Kaliyar in Thodupuzha taluk still continues unmitigated and unchecked;

(*b*) what measures, if any, were taken by Government to relieve the inhabitants in the above areas from further attacks by wild elephants;

* *Vide* Appendix.

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